

Minutes of DAAC Meeting

Attendance

DAAC members present were: Seren Derin (SD), Chair; Joe Tringali (JT), Vice-chair; Irene Barrelet (IB), Clerk; Gerry Weiss; Jim MacRostie (JM); and Joan Swift (JS)

Others present were: Tory Dixon; and Nathaniel Malloy, DAAC staff liaison.

Absent: Dana Goddard (DG)

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Derin called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The AAB approved the variance requests for ITD with conditions that included a revised floor plan for the accessible bathroom and bedroom.

MINUTES

Minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously (5-0) (GW moved, JT seconded) as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Officers/Membership

The committee agreed that the current officers would remain:

Seren Derin, Chair
Joe Tringali, Vice-chair
Irene Barrelet, Clerk

Boltwood Walk

Mr. Malloy discussed plans by the Town to resurface the entrance to the Bangs Community Center along Boltwood Walk. One recommendation was to make sure that the bench railings and other amenities are placed at the right height to help those who need assistance sitting or getting up. It was also recommended that a textured material or one that is not a straight, smooth piece be used for the bench arms because it is slippery during bad weather. It was also noted that snow removal could become an issue if the curb cuts and accessible areas are not kept clear and sanded.

CDBG Proposals

The Committee would like to work with private properties in and around the Town Center to encourage property owners to use CDBG funds to make their businesses more accessible.

The Committee also asked whether CDBG funds could be used to purchase and install ‘time-keepers’ at intersections that count down the number of seconds during the crossing signal.

Transition Plan

JT noted that the Transition Plan needs updating, which involves meeting with Department Heads to enumerate needed improvements and accessible projects that have been accomplished since the plan was published. It will take some effort to compile these lists.

It was asked whether the schools are included in the Transition Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Van Accessible Parking in the Boltwood Lot

The Committee then discussed the number of van accessible parking spaces in the Boltwood Parking Lot. The space behind the Monkey Bar, although wider than a typical HP space, is not wide enough for a van; the unloading aisle is too narrow. The Committee questioned whether the entire Boltwood parking area is one lot, or if it separate lots. This would change the number of van accessible spaces required in each lot. Currently, if this is all one lot, there are an adequate number of van spaces near the south entrance to the Bangs Community Center. The Committee also questioned whether the HP spaces in the lower level of the parking garage were accessible by van or other tall vehicle because of the limited height requirement.

Crocker Elementary Playground

For a new playground, the Committee agreed that the Crocker Farm Elementary School playground does not look to be accessible or well designed. It was suggested that there be a site visit with the DAAC, school administrators and Town staff to discuss the concerns of the Committee. In addition to the playground itself, it was noted the parking, in particular, the HP parking, is not located near the entrance ramp and is actually in the travel lane used by buses; there really is no safe HP parking at the elementary school.

Materials Distributed at Meeting (available upon request in the Planning Department at Town Hall)

Agenda
September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes
Site Plan for Boltwood Walk
Correspondence discussing Crocker Farm Elementary School playground

Next Meeting(s)

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 @ 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 14, 2010 @ 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nathaniel Malloy, staff liaison